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## RALLYING HYMN FOR THE CHURCH

Lord, Thy power knows no declining,  
Thus, Thy many works declare;  
Sun, moon, stars still keep their shining,  
There is order everywhere.  
There are sacraments that tell us  
With Thy help we can prevail;  
But alone, though e'er so zealous,  
We are weak and sure to fail.

Human need is all about us—  
Loads to lift, and tears to dry;  
Evil forces seem to flout us,  
And our ranks stand helpless by.  
Lord, to us the world is calling—  
Bidding us to right its wrong;  
For around it now are falling  
Citadels it trusted long.

Holy Spirit, so inspire us,  
That our hearts may flame anew,  
That each one may be desirous  
Something now worth-while to do.  
From our lethargy awake us,  
Link us to a great crusade;  
In Thy service do Thou make us  
Happy, strong, and unafraid.

—ALEXANDER LOUIS FRASER.

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EPH. 2:20

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"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."—Heb. 10:25.

May 29, 1943

TRUESDELL

# Notes From My Letters

By  
J. H. WALKER,  
General Overseer



## TELEGRAMS

"Davenport, Iowa, mission rally great. Offering \$153, with church of forty members. Three times the amount over last year."—J. L. Goins, state overseer.

"Thomaston, Georgia, district raised \$439.51, Atlanta district \$1,088.50 for orphanage last two weeks. \$4,000 ready for the state."—Joe R. Little, Y.P.E. and S.S. Supt. of Georgia.

"Home-coming Mother's Day wonderful success. Liquidated indebtedness on Schoolfield, Virginia, church, \$1,244.14, and \$200 over our goal."—J. A. Whitlow, pastor.

"Akron, Ohio, district convention was great. Largest mission offering ever received in Ohio—\$640. E. W. Williams, state overseer, and R. C. Cook, district overseer."—Carl J. Hughes.

"New York convention indeed wonderful. Beyond everyone's expectations. Good attendance. Orphanage offering \$55. Great mission offering. Six added to church."—Earl P. Paulk, Second Assistant General Overseer.

"Just closed the third district con-

vention. Mission offering \$122.15 and orphanage offering \$49.07. So far we have more than doubled last year's offerings."—H. D. Williams, overseer of Oklahoma.

"Just closed our district convention for the Valdosta, Georgia, district. Mission offering was good. We have 343 members on our district. We paid \$343 on our \$1 per member, also paid \$343 in our district convention mission offering. Our people are poor people, but we love God and His great cause."—W. A. Goss, district overseer.

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## Notices

To those who want to help me do something for God, please send me all of your Evangels and Lighted Pathways, to be given away in new fields and in street service. If you

have too many to send parcel post, send express collect. Please send as many as you can collect together.—A. G. Carroll, Box 25, Tennille, Ga.

The Church of God at DeSoto Park, Ga., is on the air over station WGAA, Cedartown, Ga., May 16 and every other Sunday after at 1:05-1:30 p.m. Rev. Joe M. Cleghorn, pastor.

To whom it may concern: Please remember to send all parcels to the Church of God Publishing House to be sent to me, as many are sending parcels to people who have backslidden from the Church of God. To safeguard your labor, send it to the Publishing House. Address it to Turks Island Poor People Relief and I do not have to pay duties on it when it has that address. Thanks.—A. W. Rigsby, overseer, Turks Island, B. W. I.

## STATE CONVENTIONS

| Date       | State                      | Place                   |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| May 28-30  | District of Columbia       | Washington, D. C.       |
| May 28-30  | Wyoming                    | Casper                  |
| May 28-30  | Louisiana                  | West Monroe             |
| June 4-6   | Colorado, Utah             | Colorado Springs, Colo. |
| June 4-6   | Tennessee                  | Cleveland               |
| June 4-6   | Virginia                   | Pulaski                 |
| June 11-13 | New Mexico                 | Roswell                 |
| June 9-11  | Florida                    | Wimauma                 |
| June 18-20 | North Carolina             | Kannapolis              |
| June 18-20 | Indiana                    | Shelburn                |
| June 25-27 | Iowa                       | Knoxville               |
| June 25-27 | Alabama                    | Alabama City            |
| June 25-27 | Ohio                       | Akron                   |
| July 1-4   | North Dakota, South Dakota | Minot, North Dakota     |
| July 1-4   | South Carolina             | Greenville              |
| July 1-4   | Kansas, Nebraska           | Pittsburg, Kans.        |

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This book contains valuable information concerning the work of Church of God missions and general mission work.—M. P. Cross, Mission Secretary.



# Chicago Convention of Evangelicals

By REV. E. C. CLARK, Editor and Publisher

Many good and great men, alarmed by the tense darkness of the times in which we live, coupled with the dire need of a revival within the various church groups, issued a call last year in which demand was made for a call conference in St. Louis, Mo., April 6-9, 1942, for the purpose of forming some workable understanding among church groups which favored evangelism.

## THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION

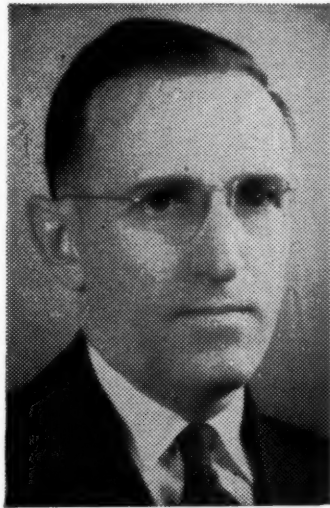
was of itself a prelude to the Chicago convention. Around 170 great church leaders met at St. Louis, Mo., April 6-9, 1942, representing some twenty-six different denominations. These consisted of educators from various outstanding schools and colleges, editors, authors and writers of leading church papers and periodicals. Pastors of note and ability, such as Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, of Park Street Church, Boston; Dr. William Ward Ayer, of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City; Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of the Baptist Church, of Memphis; Dr. Daniel Iverson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of Miami, Fla.; Dr. J. Elwin Wright, of the New England Fellowship; Dr. T. Roland Phillips, of Baltimore; Dr. Robert J. Bateman, of Memphis (now deceased); Bishop Leslie Marston, and others. J. H. Walker, General Overseer of the Church of God, who was among the original signers for this convention, was also present. Other Church of God officials present were: Earl P. Paulk, Second Assistant General Overseer; E. L. Simmons, Editor of the Evangel; M. P. Cross, Chairman of the Mission Board; lastly, E. C. Clark, member of the Mission Board.

## EMBRYONICALLY UNIQUE

The St. Louis Convention was not the first convention of its kind having met for general purposes. I am, however, of the opinion that it was about the only one of its kind in function. It was simply a marvelous feat of the grace of God to see how these men, quite widely separated on their theological views but unanimously agreed that all men must be saved by the grace of God, and no less by the blood of the atonement of Jesus Christ, glided so harmoniously from one eventful feature to another until the temporary organization for the National Association of Evangelicals was completed. This done, a strong campaign of regional meetings was planned and put into operation as a preparatory move for the Chicago convention which convened May 3-7, 1943, at LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, for the purpose of drafting a permanent form of organization for the future and furtherance of the work of Evangelicals throughout the entire nation.

## PURPOSE

It was made quite clear at the St. Louis convention that the various Evangelical churches or groups of churches had no true representation, in that there was no one authoritatively constituted to represent them



concerning national trends and policies. Many such groups were supposedly represented by and through the Federal Council of Churches, which, because of its communistic leanings, had thrown itself into disrepute by those who held to the old Book and the old faith. Therefore, there were actually several millions not represented by the Federal Council neither in doctrine, purpose or in Spirit. These were not the kind of "gone with the wind" ministers and laymen; they were the true backbone of the churches of which they were leaders or members. To provide leadership which could properly represent them, was one essential feature and need. During these days of amalgamation of corporations, industry, labor, yes, and even Christianity, it has become apparent that there is a very great need for a united voice and front, to give added weight to whatever issue may arise. The voice of several millions of Evangelicals will have a great deal more recognition than will the voice of the various small groups.

## UNITY OF VARIETY

This is exactly what is found in all creation and nature. I must admit that I have never seen quite so much variety in Christianity assembled as I saw in the Chicago convention. What is, however, more essential, I certainly never have seen so much unity of variety. Unity was there and I vouch for the fact that every minister who attended that convention will witness to the truth of this statement. The key person was Christ. The keynote was unity of believers in Christ. This unity is a practical working unity. Prime Minister Winston Churchill recently said, "I rejoice to learn of the enormous progress that is being made among all religious bodies in freeing themselves from sectarian jealousies and feuds, while preserving fervently the tenets of their own faith."

## FREEDOM

Every church group represented in the Evangelicals is and will be free to preach its convictions about the Word of God. There was no effort to tell anyone what to preach, except he must preach Christ. To be associated in this great body of Evangelicals he must at least believe the following:

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God.
2. We believe that, in order to have eternal life, everyone must be "born again" by the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that salvation is had only through faith in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
4. We believe in the unity of all true believers in Christ.
5. As to the Lord Jesus Christ, we hold to the following: His virgin birth, the reality of His miracles as recorded in the New Testament, His strong sacrifice for our sins, His bodily resurrection, and His return.

We believe that all true Evangelicals hold to this faith and that they should unite their testimony. Thus would we greatly hasten the evangelization of the masses.

## CHICAGO CONVENTION

The Chicago Convention opened Monday, 2:30 p. m., with a meeting of various committees at the LaSalle Hotel, followed by a general prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m., which was well attended and which was one of great blessing and encouragement. Tuesday work study groups and committees were appointed to cover various fields of endeavor, who, after many hours of arduous labor, reported back their contribution to the Convention in the form of resolutions and reports favorable to the requirements and furtherance of constitutional program. The constitution was adopted without objection, with its entire framework and bylaws.

## OFFICERS

Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Boston's Park Street Congregational Church, was elected president. Other officers elected were: Dr. Leslie R. Marston, Greenville, Ill., bishop of the Free Methodist Church, first vice-president; Judge John W. McCall, Southern Baptist layman of Memphis, second vice-president; J. Willison Smith, Jr., Philadelphia attorney, secretary; and H. J. Taylor, chairman of Chicago's Christian Workers' Foundation, treasurer.

## MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. J. R. Flowers, Springfield, Mo.; Dr. Monroe, pastor Baptist Church, Cullman, Ala.; Dr. T. Roland Phillips, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. Kenneth S. Keyes, Miami, Fla.; Dr. John W. Bradbury; Dr. Harry Hager.

## BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

A board of administrators, consisting of twenty-five ministers selected from the sixty-five church groups, was also elected to serve with officers and the Executive Committee. Within the

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# Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

## Gideons Can't Meet Demand for Bibles

CHICAGO, Ill., May 14—Miss M. F. DeWar, international secretary of the Gideon Society, reports that men and women in the nation's armed services are receiving pocket sized Bibles from the society at the rate of 300,000 a month, which is 100,000 short of the demand.

The society has already distributed over 4,250,000 Bibles to service men and women and Red Cross nurses. Present plans call for 1,750,000 more this year.

Miss DeWar states that the society receives 400,000 requests each month but they can't get them made fast enough to meet the demand.

## Delinquency and Vacation Bible School

In almost every newspaper, religious paper and magazine, the tragic news of increase of crime of the teen-age group has been published. J. Edgar Hoover has also made public appearances with "Juvenile Delinquency" as his topic. Have you thought what a great preventative to this increase in godlessness and lawlessness the "Daily Vacation Bible School" could be? The youngsters of the neighborhood can and should be "rounded up" by those skillfully trained in Christian work and told the story of Jesus. "Rope them in"; arrange a definite program of training in your church and get these "youngsters out." Your church can do something about this outrage of crime. Every pastor has a definite task to perform not only for his church, but no less for society and the community of his church residence.

## Why God's Work Must Be Supported by God's People

An Illinois business man took a dollar bill, pinned a piece of paper to it, asking everybody who spent the money to write down what it was for, and send it back into circulation for two weeks. At the end of the time it came back with the following story:

It was spent five times for salary.  
It was spent five times for tobacco.  
It was spent five times for cigarettes.  
It was spent three times for candy.  
It was spent twice for haberdashery.  
It was spent three times for meals.  
It was spent once for automobile parts.  
It was spent once for groceries.  
It was spent once for washing.  
It was spent twice for shaves.  
It was spent once for toothpaste.  
God never had a chance with that dollar.

There are millions of other dollars that never touch the offering plate in church. Who comes first in life—God or self?

## The Good Samaritan

There are many strange and wierd interpretations of the parables of the Good Samaritan. Many of these philosophize the fall of man and the redemption of Christ. But have you ever tried it out by using a little "common sense" about the meaning of this parable? If it teaches anything at all, it certainly teaches neighborliness and helpfulness to those who are in need. The neighborly act was what our Lord pointed out. It was this essential action he wished to stir us to do. Neighborliness is "mercy" enthroned in community administration. "Go and do thou likewise" was then, as it should be now, the command of our community life. Reaching others in the name and for Christ is our solemn obligation. It is not sitting around criticizing your neighbor and telling how much better your children are than his. Our duty is plainly and solemnly that of helpfulness to all.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Unless unseen hindrances arise we will run the Evangel sixteen pages each edition indefinitely.—E. C. Clark, Editor.

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS)—The problem of juvenile delinquency in Atlanta is too complicated for the police alone to solve, according to the Rev. Raimundo de Ovies, dean of the Cathedral of St. Philip, after a visit to the Police Department where hundreds of young arrested criminals are brought each month for fingerprinting and photographing.

"The bulk of that tragic record," the dean said, "were youths, mere youngsters, of both sexes. Girls are picked up off the streets, nightly, girls of only fifteen or less, and the tests made on them in the laboratory by competent technicians tell a shocking story in only too many instances. One clear fact stands out unescapably. The age of crime is steadily lowering. It is becoming increasingly juvenile at an alarming rate."

## Child Delinquency

The most important thing in the news for the past week appears to have been the ever increasing and alarming rate of delinquency among the teen-age young people. Louis T. Talbot, writing in the *King's Business*, states that in "war towns the increase was actually up 100 per cent." Then singling out one of four, he continued, "Slick-haired eighteen-year-old Amos Raymond Latshaw coolly confessed the murder of five kinsfolk. When his father and stepmother fell to arguing,

Amos shot and killed them both; then to cover up, killed his grandfather and grandmother. His eight-year-old brother stood by crying, 'so I let him have it too.' He further quotes the "chief county probation officer" in Los Angeles as making the following disclosure: "Within two weeks, Juvenile Hall has held as many as 317 boys and girls in one day, and the hall's school for juveniles, equipped to serve 200 students, has had an average daily attendance of 260." These things are indeed alarming, if we are to be interested in post-war marriages and their offspring.

## A Double Tribute

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of FBI, made the following tribute to Good Friday:

"Throughout the world today peace-loving men have taken to arms lest the unbridled fury of power-mad aggressors destroy all that we know to be good and righteous. On this Good Friday let us humbly look to the cross for strength and inspiration. There in the suffering figure of Christ, who brought peace to the world, we will find assurance that no sacrifice can be too great when our cause is just. He gave His life for love of us. We will not rest until His peace has been regained for all men."

Concerning which Hon. Louis Ludlow, of Indiana, in the House of Representatives, made the following tribute to Mr. Hoover:

"To my way of thinking, the most significant of all the pronouncements on Good Friday this year did not come from a pulpit nor from the lips of a minister nor from the cloistered depths where men of God commune with divinity.

"It came from the greatest police officer in the world today—J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is the greatest, not only because of his personal ability, not only because of the super-efficiency of the vast organization of which he is the creator and the master mind, but even more because he is humane, because he loves his fellow men, because his feet are planted on the Rock of Ages.

"I read in an obscure corner of a newspaper a few days ago some *Thoughts for Good Friday* contributed by Mr. Hoover, and I am going to rescue those thoughts from their out-of-the-way niche on the advertising page and insert them in the Congressional Record because I would like for everybody in this bleeding world to read them. I believe they are a clear expression of the altruistic viewpoint of Americans in the cosmic struggle that is going on."

Mr. Hoover is the man who keeps telling fathers and mothers about the increase of crime among boys and girls. Above you have the reason. He is not a preacher, he is a Christian. Mr. Ludlow made other remarks, saying, "Can anyone imagine Heinrich Himmler, the merciless chief of the engine of oppression, the Gestapo; can you imagine the heads of the secret police of Fascist Italy and Japan giving expression to such sentiments of all-embracing humanitarianism?"



# Our Responsibility to God and His Church

By Rev. H. D. Statum

Text: Romans 1:14-16, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Introduction: Christians do not seem to realize their responsible position. It shall be the intent of this message to bring before you this realization. The word "Christian" means "to be like Christ." Nothing greater can be said of any one than to say that he is Christlike or a Christian.

Our responsibility means just this: that we are responsible to God and also to His Church for many things. I shall bring some of these things before you at this time.

Let us notice that the Apostle Paul had a great responsibility. He said in the text, "I am a debtor to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; also to the wise and the unwise." Now a debtor is one who owes a debt. Another thing, a debtor is responsible for his debts.

Let us notice Romans 11:29, "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." Therefore, if God has called us into His work, we cannot repent of this work. There is no way out of this calling except to fulfill this responsibility that God has placed upon us. Heb. 2:3, "For how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation."

Paul did not owe the Greeks, Barbarians, wise or unwise such material things as silver or gold, however he did owe them his time, talent, prayers, and aid. So he was responsible to preach and teach everywhere to the people. Friends, I am afraid we have God-called men and women who are shirking their responsibility by going back to their old jobs and other new jobs because they receive big money. Let us notice 1 Cor. 7:20-24, "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. Ye are bought with a price; be not yet the servants of men. Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God."

Now friend, we can see by this scripture that God expects every one of us to abide within our calling, and without any doubt we will be held responsible to God for the fulfillment of our calling. Paul was an educated man

and could have held a good job in his day, and perhaps made much money. But he felt his responsibility and was not satisfied to neglect his calling and fail to fulfill his obligation to God and His Church. So this great man, who went on and did what God had called him to do, said just before he left this world, to his son in the Lord, 2 Timothy 4:2-8, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season. I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. (In other words, I did not go to some job for material gain.) I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Let us notice the outcome of some that shirked their responsibility. God called Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah decided that he would go to Tarshish, in so doing disobeying God and also shirking his responsibility. God was displeased with this and sent a storm on the sea and it almost caused the ship that Jonah was on to be wrecked, endangering the life of Jonah and the lives of others too. After Jonah told the ship men that he was the cause of the trouble, they threw him overboard and a fish swallowed him and kept him until he was very willing to do what God wanted him to do. Now those of you who are shirking your responsibility had better be careful. There might be something waiting to take charge of you and make you willing to go on with God and obey your calling.

Every Christian is a debtor and has a responsibility, first, to God for the gift of His Son and His goodness; second, to this lost world we owe a life of holiness and a clean reputation; third, we owe to God a life of activity. Jer. 6:16, "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." God expects us to be active in His vineyard and we are promised soul rest after we have done whatever has been assigned to us to do.

We have our responsibility to God's Church. We owe the Church our presence at every service that is at all possible for us to attend. Heb. 10:25 says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Now we see by this scripture that we certainly should be at the services if at all possible.



We should have a willing mind to work and do everything that is possible to put the Church work over for God.

We owe the Church our support in finance, as well as our presence. Of course, there are some people who feel the responsibility of attending every service at the church, but when it comes time for the finance of the Church they don't feel any responsibility, and say let the other folks attend to that part of the work. Now, my friend, every man, woman, and child have their part to do, and when every one does his part, then and only then will we enjoy the fullness of God's blessings as a Church.

Paul said in 1 Cor. 16:1,2, "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come." Now let us notice that the Apostle Paul said, "Let EVERY ONE OF YOU lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." He did not leave any one out but he placed a financial responsibility upon every one of them (the entire Corinthian church). Now some people will say, "I am not financially able to do anything. I am too poor." Luke 11:40,41 says, "Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you." So you can see that we are not too poor but we are only responsible to give alms of such things as we

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# Christ for America

By DR. H. J. OCKENGA

*The article "CHRIST FOR AMERICA" is a timely address given at the National Association of Evangelicals which met in Chicago May 3-7, by Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, newly elected president. Dr Ockenga is also pastor of Park Street Congregational Church in Boston.*

One year and one month ago, at the Coronado Hotel in St. Louis, Mo., a convention of one hundred and seventy Christian leaders commissioned nine men with a great task. We are gathered here in fulfillment of that commission to examine the degree of its accomplishment and to take steps toward the permanent expression of the movement represented by it.

We live in a day of emerging leadership. At times, men have acted from principles based on a world view or a weltanschauung. Today, such world views are largely absent from social movements and human leaders are taking their place in the demand on the loyalties of men. Men no longer have a map to tell them the direction of their travel. They are in a fog—lost. Whenever a man appears who says, "I know the way—follow me; I will lead you out!" multitudes fall in line. We, who are met here, do not accept this philosophy. We have a weltanschauung—truly one much opposed to the other views which still survive, but a powerful and a sufficient ground for our action. That world-view binds us together as men cannot otherwise be united.

We also have a Leader, One who takes our absolute loyalty, Who knows the way, Who will lead us out of the fog. That Leader is Christ—the Incomparable One. This movement is and must continue to be identified with Him. Hence, human leadership will change from year to year, but the movement will go on.

## ALL U. S. SURVEYED

For those temporary leaders charged with the conduct of this cause during the last year, I must now report, for it was my privilege and responsibility to be their servant. We believe that we have been true to the men of St. Louis. We have carried the vision of United Evangelical Action to the

Christian leaders of the nation. We have informed them of what had been done and what is yet to be done here. Moreover, we steadfastly emphasized the positive approach to the problems of this crisis hour. We have refused to enter controversy even in the face of open attack. The task has been no mean one.

This has been a herculean undertaking—in writing, speaking, travel, answering questions, organizing and meeting innumerable people. Personally, I have traveled through thirty-four states and have been absent from my local work for ten weeks. This has not been an unmixed blessing. If I speak of what I have seen and experienced you will understand that all is drawn from this United Evangelical Action work.

## FINDINGS ENLARGE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

As a by-product of our promotion of United Evangelical Action we have been enabled to visit concentrations of soldiers, to witness tremendous developments in industry, ship-building, farming, amusements, and vice. We have seen the ravages of liquor and at first-hand we have been confronted with the task which is facing the nation in its war effort. Simultaneously there has been impressed upon us the transition to the air age. At times, necessity has dictated that we have air transportation and it is obvious that great distances have been cut to almost nothing. One can fly from San Diego to Pensacola without ever being out of sight of an air field. We now have hundreds of thousands of trained pilots in our armed forces, young men who will return to civilian life with the desire of continuing their skill of flying. As a nation we are turning out sixty-five hundred fighting planes a month. This capacity will be largely increased and certainly will not be abandoned at the close of the war. I have found that it has been possible to be in Cuba one day, to speak twice on the same day in different cities and to arrive at my own office in Boston the next morning at 10:30. I have been able by the absence of a few days from my own desk on one extreme coast line of America to make a half dozen addresses in a great city on another coast line of America. A license has just been taken out by a new air company called Northeastern to give ferry service from Boston to London overnight and with twenty-four hours to Moscow. It is perfectly feasible for people now to be spending their week ends in Europe instead of in the mountains or at the seashore.

Along with these vast changes which are taking place in our nation we witnessed a disposition on the part of Christians to cooperate in an attempt to match in spiritual undertaking what is going on materially in the nation and in the world. Christian leaders everywhere are conscious that the church and our spiritual development is being outstripped by material and ideological matters. They are waiting for the clear-cut, definite, sane and progressive leadership which can inaugurate a new era for Christian influence and effectiveness. The time has come when the Christian Church has before it an unparalleled

opportunity for United Evangelical Action.

## AMERICA WILL DETERMINE WORLD DESTINY

Certain convictions have impressed themselves upon me in this contact with our nation. I believe that the United States of America has been assigned a destiny comparable to that of ancient Israel which was favored, preserved, endowed, guided and used of God. Historically, God has prepared this nation with a vast and united country, with a population drawn from innumerable blood streams, with a wealth which is unequaled, with an ideological strength drawn from the traditions of classical and radical philosophy, with a government held accountable to law, as no other government except Israel has ever been, and with an enlightenment in the mind of the average citizen which is the climax of social development.

## WE ARE FACING AN ACCOUNTING

Had we time to enlarge upon these various blessings given to us by the infinite Creator in His good providence, we could well have a thanksgiving address. But God must have had some purpose in so preserving this country through the Renaissance, the Reformation and the enlightenment until the persecuted minorities of Europe might find it as a haven for their new life based upon evangelical Christian principles. God must have had a purpose in forging one great, united nation out of all these strains of population and thought. God must have had a purpose in giving primarily to evangelical Protestantism the historic leadership of this great nation. That purpose unquestionably was the intention to diffuse the knowledge of God and truth through the Gospel unto the world. Apparently the last great privilege of ministering to mankind was committed to this particular nation. That is a tremendous responsibility for which we are answerable. We have the enlightenment. We have the historical tradition. We have the material means. We have the leadership. We have everything which is necessary in order to evangelize the world. Now we have entered into our maturity and we are facing an accounting for that destiny. If America fails to discharge its responsibility darkness must ensue.

This nation in its maturity is passing through a crisis which is enmeshing western civilization. Confusion exists on every hand. We are living in a very difficult and bewildering time; but few people realize what a tremendous change we are now undergoing. This war is the demarkation line. In fact, the change will take place during the war and will be speeded up with war measures and pressures, so much so that this war may aptly be called "world revolution." The only comparison with the ideological war that has undergirded and caused this World War II in the whole history of mankind is the disintegration and fall of the Roman Empire. The change which took place at that time could be observed only through the periscope of the years as it was a process of centuries, but the old system of ruling changed. The religious cult with its gods and sacrificial rites came to an abrupt end. A new era



started with unknown systems and life values. Certainly the fall of the Roman Empire was a total change of world conditions seldom recognized and valued as such by historians.

Personally, we would connect this fall of Rome with the entry of Christ upon the scene of world history. He alone marks the division of the ages and He was the inaugurator of the new era. Yet that very era which Christ inaugurated by His teaching and deeds is now drawing to an end. It seems that it has lost its anchorage around the person of Christ. Western civilization, which was built directly upon Christian principles, apparently is nearing its end. When Christ began His teachings He announced again and again, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." This kingdom is now coming to an end. "The kingdom of hell is at hand" would be a more fitting topic announcing the things that seem to be coming to pass.

The hour has arrived when the people of this nation must "think deeply or be damned." We must examine our direction, our condition and our destiny. We must recognize that we are standing at the crossroads and that there are only two ways that lie open before us. One is the road of the rescue of western civilization by a re-emphasis on and revival of evangelical Christianity. The other is a return to the Dark Ages of heathendom, which powerful force is emerging in every phase of world life today.

#### **EVANGELICALS CHALLENGED TO MAINTAIN LEADERSHIP**

Yet in the midst of such a crisis I would like to prophesy certain things about America. It is my earnest conviction that under this trial by fire with the death of hundreds of thousands of our young men, the destruction of billions of dollars in resources, with the physical hunger likely to meet our entire population, with a possible epidemic of deadly disease and with the increasing crisis, there will be an emergent tide of latent common sense, faith, vision and Christian outlook. We believe that America will again think of her origin, destiny and way of life. We will re-evaluate our actions and our standards. Suffering will revive the Christian spirit. Evidence of this has already appeared in several movements of our day. My attention was called to one recently, which began its announcement, "We are not fundamentalists. We accept all the results of modern criticism concerning the Bible. But we also are returning to the literal resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ." Men recognize that they must get back to evangelical Christianity even though they are loath to accept the forms and categories thereof. History and crisis will drive them to this result.

America not only will survive this war, but will emerge chastened, serious as to government, religion and morals and ready for an advance under the proper type of leadership. The present indifference to God and Christianity, the indulgence in the flesh, the influence of secularism we believe will pass. Some one must be ready to step into that open door. If Protestantism continues as it has continued for more than three decades, with internecine strife and divi-

sion, the opportunity will go unseized or else the door will be entered by some ritualistic branch of Christendom that is already menacing the security of evangelical Christianity.

It is up to us to make sure that the Christian Church will return to a new leadership, producing statesmen for our governmental circles, influencing education and rebuilding the foundations of society. I suggest to you that the alternative is not pleasant to contemplate.

#### **THE CRISIS OF CIVILIZATION**

A profound impression has recently been made upon the sociological thinkers of this nation by the book of Peterin Sorokin of Harvard entitled, "The Crisis of Our Age." Sorokin is committed to what is called the cyclical theory of history or what Oswald Spengler described as morphological history. He believes that history moves in great cycles and describes the various emergent cultures, their flourishing period and their decay. Much evidence may be brought from Egypt, Nineveh, Babylon, Greece, Rome and even the West to support this particular theory. Sorokin says that we are in the greatest crisis of eight hundred years. We have passed through the ideational, the idealistic and are now in what is called the sensate or the decadent period of our age. This is manifested in materialistic relativism in the realm of politics, education, religion and sociology. The brilliant professor suggests that our day sees the last oblique rays of the setting sun which must emerge upon a new day or era, but that it is certain that our era is drawing to an end. He backs his conclusions by tremendous evidence drawn from his studies over the years in sociology. He is only one of many voices being raised among us in our crisis.

#### **CIVILIZATION IS PASSING THROUGH SPIRITUAL CRISIS**

That we are passing through such a crisis in civilization is evident in the philosophic world. Absolute materialism has been ruling the realm of education for several decades. It has ruled out all thought of the supernatural, all of the Christian tradition about God, Christ, salvation, ethics and history as superstition. Man has been considered nothing but conditioned reflexes and very few educators have been willing to jeopardize their reputation in the scientific and educational world by affirming their adherence to the Christian tradition. A notable exception to this is H. H. Horn of New York University. Yet the reaction against this soulless, materialistic, naturalistic emphasis in the educational world has been seen in what is called the Catholic revival. Men and women have been disillusioned about the belief that man is essentially good, that this is a good world and that all is working toward progress. We have come to see that man is a brute full of sin and that something more is needed than a trust in the inherent goodness of man. Therefore, they are turning to the one source today which gives an external authority and claims to meditate between the soul and the absolute; namely, Roman Catholic. Though it may be by ritual and sacraments,

nevertheless it has an appeal unto the minds of men. The very fact that the best seller for five months in the major cities of America has been a novel based upon supernaturalism connected with the mystical elements of The Robe of the Christ and written by Lloyd Douglas is another evidence of this revolt against the naturalism of our day.

#### **REVIVAL OF HEATHENDOM IS IN EVIDENCE**

The fruit of such banishing of God from our society is now evident in the world. Without God, man or society is without hope. We flounder in thought and action. We recognize that there is no value in democracy without a Christian condition to undergird it. We have come to the realization that man must rule or be ruled and if he has lost the moral fiber, the internal standards, in order to rule himself, then the only alternative is an authoritative rule from above. Hence, on the decaying ruins of western civilization have risen such systems as Nazism, Fascism, Communism and other ideologies challenging democracy for world rulership. This could never come to pass had we clung to the belief in God, for each of these theories is fundamentally built upon the denial of the Christian tradition.

In our day we have witnessed the revival of heathendom. Once western civilization was built upon Christian tradition. Now it has been divorced from its moorings. The heart of western civilization today is heathen rather than Christian. We have seen an emergence of a new set of gods who have taken the place of absolute Jehovah revealed through the Lord Jesus Christ. Those gods consist of blood, power, sex, money, hunger, strong men, and strong weapons. They are worshipped by the masses. Men say, "Why should we have God any more when we have a strong navy, an army and the world reservoir of gold? We are sufficient unto ourselves." We have created our own gods and we bow down before them. And yet have we? Is there not a reality to the demonism invading these gods? Not long ago we thought that heathenism had been banished to the frontiers of the world, that all we needed was a few more missionaries and all heathenism would be gone, that enlightenment would substitute for it and that men would no longer believe in the existence of demons. We thought the conceptions of ancient Greece and Rome were something childish, drawn from ignorance and would soon banish, but now we are coming to see that these heathen demons are very real subjects, that they have invaded our lives again and that we Christians must go forth as the early Christians did, not preaching a culture or a civilization, or a way of life, but giving Christ and Him crucified, for western civilization is no longer Christian.

#### **THE KINGDOM OF HELL IS AT HAND**

I have said that the kingdom of heaven is drawing to a close and that the kingdom of hell is at hand. We are faced with that interval of tyranny known as the reign of the Man of

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# Mote-Hunting

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*"Why beholdest (gaze'st at, or stare'st) thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" Matt. 7:3.*

Mote-hunting is a little job for big men (for those who are big in their own eyes). God is good and severe—good to the weak, humble and honest—but hard on hypocrites. He plainly says, "Thou hypocrite, your first job is to get the beam out of your own eye." See Rom. 11:22. Christ didn't come to condemn. If we follow Him, we will have His spirit. In the 8th chapter of John He didn't even condemn the woman taken in adultery (however, He told her not to sin any more). It's easy to be a hypocrite, and hard not to be one. I heard of a preacher saying the reason he prayed so much was to keep from being a hypocrite. True prayer won't prosper mote-hunting. The publican in Luke 18 wasn't mote-hunting, but he beat the mote-hunter to the blessing.

"A hypocrite pays tribute to God so he can impose on men."

Mote-hunters are deceived. Their lion turns out to be a mouse, like the bear-hunter that was all set to shoot a bear, when out jumped a little cottontail rabbit.

David, a man after God's own heart, had a record, not for hunting and killing motes (rabbits, woodrats and sparrows), but a lion and a bear, then the great giant Goliath.

Mote-hunting, or judging others, is dangerous. In judging others we court judgment on ourselves: First, from men. A critic soon becomes unpopular; his conduct irritates people, and they begin watching him for perfection. When he strains and strains at a gnat, and then gulps down a camel, there his influence breaks off like a jug handle (so to speak). Second, from God. God deals with us as we deal with others. "If we forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." I expect if all our faults were written on our foreheads, the majority of us would pull our hats down in front.

The old man criticized the sermon, the old lady the organist's playing, and the daughter found fault with the singing; but they became silent when the little boy said, "But, Dad, it was a right good show for a nickel, wasn't it?"

"He will be immortal who liveth till he be stoned by one without faults." (Fuller)

When you lay down at night, think first of your faults; after you go to sleep, the faults of others. This will greatly profit.

Mote-hunters (faultfinders) are last to see their own faults, failings, and shortcomings. They are like the man who wore a coat of many patches. When asked why, he said one patch



represented neighbor Jones' sins, another Brown's sins, another Smith's sins, etc. When asked about the little patch between his shoulders, he said, "Well, that little patch is my sins; they are not very much, and I hardly ever see them anyway."

If all imperfect folks wore white caps, we'd look like a flock of geese.

Motes are little, but it's possible to tear up a big church trying to get a mote out. It's not wisdom to set fire to the barn because there is a few mice in it.

Faultfinders are tempted to fib a little; to tell a young lie, one that has not cut teeth yet. O you mote-hunter and faultfinder, be sure you always tell the truth.

"It is a good horse that never stumbles, and a good wife that never grumbles."

It doesn't take very much religion to grumble, hunt motes, and be a faultfinder; no, no, it's like the boy looking for work. One man said to him, "Son, I hardly think I have enough work around here to keep a boy busy." The boy answered, "Mr., you don't realize how little work it takes to keep me busy."

Christ about as well as said mote-hunters had beams in their eyes and could not see clearly. Now I don't want someone searching in my eyes for a small particle, when he is almost blind himself. No, no, the eye is precious, and very delicate, and men with cataracts in their eyes could hardly make good oculists.

Paul gave us some wonderful words in Heb. 10:24, "Let us CONSIDER (to think of their environment, their opposition, their talent, education, culture, wisdom, and many other things would probably slow down our criticism) one another and provoke (use this word to help God and not the devil) unto love and good works." Too many of us rather stare at the blem-

ishes of others, than at their good qualities. God have mercy on the man that can go all the way from Dan to Beersheba, and say it's all barren, "There is none good, no, not one," etc.

Last but not least, mote-hunting is about the first step of a backslider. As he gazes upon motes, his eyes are off of our example, pattern, way, and model to go by. Christ is the way. Let's look, behold, gaze upon Him and then others will look better. David's words in Psa. 39:1 have helped me more than once: "I said, I will take heed to MY ways that I sin not." Preachers, let's not waste precious ammunition on motes (sparrows, rats, etc.) when Goliath is defying the armies of the living God; when the devil goeth about like a roaring lion seeking who he may devour. Let's take a shot at the devil himself.

## OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

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have. Verse 42 says, "But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." So you can see that the Lord does not intend for some to shout and enjoy the blessings of the Lord and shirk the responsibility of the financing of the Church. When every one shares the financial part of the Church, then we can all shout together.

Jesus said in Matthew 23:23, that we ought to pay our tithes. Some people say that scripture was to the scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites. Let us notice Matt. 5:20, "For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Notice one thing, the scribes and Pharisees had enough religion to pay tithes, and the Scripture says that unless you have more than they did you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.

We have other responsibilities to the Church, too. There is the Bible Training School, which I think is one of the grandest institutions in this old world. We should send our children there for their religious training so that they could be more efficient workers for the Lord. Paul said in First Timothy to study to shew thyself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth. The Church of God Bible Training School and College is a place where every one will enjoy his school work and at the same time learn much about the Lord.

Then we think of the orphans as a responsibility of every Christian. These precious children are looking to each of us as individuals. We will do our part for this worthy cause, won't we? I feel like I can hear you say, "Yes, Brother, we WILL." We notice in James 1:27 that, "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

In conclusion there is another responsibility. (Continued on page 15)

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL



In the third chapter of John's Gospel we get the word "must" three times. The first "must" is in the saying of our Lord Jesus Christ to Nicodemus, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye MUST be born again." This is the sinner's "must." "Ye MUST be born again."

Of course, most people do not believe this at all. They think they are quite good enough; not perfect, of course, but nothing much out of the way. Well, my friend, this kind of people never get anything or anywhere with God, and do not know the first thing about salvation.

No man on earth was ever saved until he made the discovery that he was by nature and practice a lost sinner in the sight of God. You may tell these just good folks that all men are "condemned already," that all "are under the wrath of God," and that all "have sinned and come short of the glory of God"; but it does not phase a particle and rolls off their life as water off a duck's back. They are not interested. To have a changed life, to right about face, is just too much. But these people will wake up one of these days, most likely too late, and finally die and pass into an undone eternity. What a tragedy! Unsaved man! Unsaved woman! Don't you think it is really time you listened to God? "Ye MUST be born again." The Lord Jesus Christ said so. That is final and conclusive. There is no other way.

In this same chapter, our Lord not only declared that men "MUST be born again" or "not see the kingdom of God," but He also said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so MUST the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:14. This is the Savior's MUST.

Jesus was the only man that ever came into the world for the express purpose of dying. His "precious blood" had to be "shed" or the whole world perish (John 12:24). Men foolishly talk of being saved by character, by being good, and all that sort of nonsense. In New York City a large church of a certain denomination on Fourth Avenue displayed a large sign on which appeared the words, "This Church stands for salvation by character." What rubbish and tommyrot! The devil put that sign up. No man was ever saved by his own goodness. Nicodemus found that out long ago.

"For by grace are ye saved through FAITH and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast," Eph. 2:8.

What does that mean? It means just what it says, and this "salvation by character" talk is just a delusion of the devil. If you want to know what the heart of man is, read the words of Christ in Mark 7:21-23. A fine picture surely! And yet men talk about "salvation by character." What silly nonsense!

Listen again, "Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them that are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God," Romans 3:19. Have you, my friend, had your mouth "shut" in

# Must!

By MERRILL H. EVE

the presence of God? If not, you do not know the first thing about salvation. It is time you found out the facts. Now you know them and therefore you are WITHOUT EXCUSE (Romans 1:20). I say this in all kindness.

The Savior Himself said He had to die, and He stated WHY He had to die. He had to die and shed His precious blood in order that His shed blood might make an atonement for sin . . . your sin, my sin, and the sins of the entire world. "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul," Lev. 17:11.

There are people who tell us that Christ died as a martyr for His ideas. No, He did not. That, too, is a lie of Satan. "Without shedding of BLOOD is no remission" of sins, is the divine declaration (Heb. 9:22). Unitarians, Scientists, and other cultists generally give out this "martyr" nonsense because they reject the plain Word of God that Christ died and shed His BLOOD in order to "put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Heb. 9:26).

These folk who reject the blood of Jesus are "Cainites" and so reject the work of the cross. Well, let them go if they will. Some of these days they will get the shock of their life when they wake up in a lost eternity.

"He that despised Moses' law DIED WITHOUT MERCY under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the BLOOD of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" Heb. 10:28, 29. God has no better place for the wilful Christ-rejecter than the lake of fire. Better look sharp and think seriously, my friend, and do not let the devil beat you out of your salvation by any Unitarian rubbish that is so popular in so many religious circles today. THE BLOOD OF THE CROSS is God's acid test for all religions of men . . . It levels them all.

Bless the Lord for the uplifted Christ of God who on that cross "bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24) and "put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." Yes, Christ was right when He said the Son of man MUST be lifted up.

Now there is a third MUST in this chapter. It is the saint's MUST. John the Baptist was the speaker and he was the great forerunner of Jesus, the Messiah. Christ Himself said of him, "He was a burning and shining light," and also "of those born of women there is none greater than John the Baptist."

Now what did John say? Well, he said this: "HE MUST INCREASE BUT I MUST DECREASE." That's what John the Baptist said concerning Christ. "He MUST increase but I

MUST decrease." That is the ringing message to every child of God even to this day. In A. D. 59 Paul wrote, "Am I not an apostle, have I not seen the Lord?" Some questioned his position and he was defending his apostolic claim with zeal. In A. D. 64 he spoke of himself as "less than the least of all saints," so he had come down several pegs as to his own importance. Oh, that we would do the same today as we grow in years of Christian life. In A. D. 65, shortly before he was beheaded, Paul wrote of himself to Timothy as "chief of sinners." So Paul shrank and shrank until he finally considered himself away down at the bottom of the list, the chief of sinners. To be at the top we must be at the bottom. A strange saying but true. The way up is down. To grow in spirituality we must grow smaller in self.

An old Scotchman once said about Paul's growth in grace, that it was like a cow's tail, the more it grew the lower down it got. Think it over, my friend. One thing certain, God wants His people to emulate John the Baptist and Paul and grow more and more unimportant in their own eyes. "If a man think himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself," Gal. 6:3. Don't let the devil make fools out of us by puffing any of us up with pride. It is a stink before God.

"I have been crucified with Christ (put to death) and I no longer live, but Christ liveth in me, and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me," Gal. 2:20. Crucifixion means death; yes, the most humiliating and ignominious death in the world, and that is what THE LORD OF GLORY passed through for each one of His own, and now He calls upon them to follow Him in humility before the world that cast Him out. Not an easy thing to do, but it is His plan and path for us just the same and with Him we can do it.

"Be ye clothed with humility for God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble."

Jesus Himself said, "I AM meek and lowly in heart." Wonderful! Praise His name forever.

Do you really know Him? Christian, sinner, backslider, get to know Him . . . not about Him, but Him! Remember then these three "musts" of John 3:

The sinner's MUST—"Ye MUST be born again."

The Savior's MUST—"Even so MUST the Son of man be lifted up."

The saint's MUST—"He (Jesus) MUST increase but I MUST decrease."

## Good Interest in Revival

ENNIS, Tex.—We have just closed a revival with Sister Digby in charge. Eleven were saved, eight sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. Everyone enjoyed the revival and good interest was shown. Everyone liked Sister Digby; she is welcome back to Ennis. Pray much for us. Everyone passing through is welcome to stop by—the latch string hangs on the outside.—Rev. G. W. Alford, pastor.

# \$2,033.60 Raised by Seniors of Bible Training School

It was said it couldn't be done, but you did it. The Senior Class of the Bible Training School and College accepted as its class project the purchasing and paying for new cafeteria tables for the new cafeteria. We express our deepest and sincere appreciation to Brother Paulk, General Supervisor of the Young People's Endeavor, other general officials, and to you, the Y.P.E.'s of this, our great Church of God, for your splendid cooperation with us in the anniversary and quilt-block drives. The task was hard but the tables are paid for, and in addition, new venetian blinds for the cafeteria, with yet money to be turned into the office for further supplying the necessities of the school.

Listed below are the states which cooperated with us and the amounts sent in from each. In these enumerations, with other methods of raising money, we have raised to date a total of \$2,033.60, for which we thank God. We hope each of you may soon have the privilege of visiting the school and admiring with us these new achievements. May God bless each of you for your efforts with us.—Clifford Bridges, Senior President.

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| Alabama               | \$ 72.65 |
| Arizona               | 14.40    |
| Arkansas              | 45.45    |
| California            | 3.90     |
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| Florida               | 138.39   |
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| Louisiana                 | 39.40  |
| Maine and Massachusetts   | 3.90   |
| Michigan                  | 73.40  |
| Minnesota and Wisconsin   | 1.10   |
| Missouri                  | 12.50  |
| Mississippi               | 46.15  |
| Montana                   | 23.50  |
| North and South Dakota    | 30.97  |
| New Jersey                | 10.88  |
| New Mexico                | 11.10  |
| North Carolina            | 118.71 |
| Ohio                      | 68.05  |
| Oklahoma                  | 14.90  |
| Pennsylvania              | 47.55  |
| South Carolina            | 171.05 |
| Tennessee                 | 93.58  |
| Texas                     | 53.37  |
| Wyoming                   | 8.60   |
| Virginia                  | 7.20   |
| West Virginia             | 66.36  |

## In Appreciation

We deeply appreciate the faithful work of the state supervisors and their respective groups in this very successful drive. Our young people are accomplishing great things for God and His Church. This is indeed encouraging in that they are to be the Church of tomorrow.—Earl P. Paulk, Second Assistant General Overseer of the Church of God.

## Repentance

Text: Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

How can a man be just with God without repentance? How can he be saved without repenting, for Jesus said in John 3:3, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." How can a sinner be made righteous? It is only through Christ that we can be brought into harmony with God and receive the Holy Ghost. But many are asking, "How can we be saved and receive the Holy Ghost?" As Peter told them on the day of Pentecost when they were convicted of their sins and said, "What shall we do?" the very first word Peter said was, "Repent." Acts 2:38; "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out," Acts 3:19.

Repentance includes sorrow for man's sins which he has committed, and turning away from his sins. If we do not turn away from our sins in heart there can be no repentance. There are many in this world today who fail to understand the true na-

ture of repentance. They take the preacher by the hand and think they are saved but this will not do, for Jesus didn't say that, neither did Peter say that. He said get your heart right with God that you might be saved.

Man's wrongdoing is what brings all wars and trouble upon him. Because he fails to get his heart right with God, brings such grief as Esau had when he sold his birthright and Balaam when the angels were in his way (if he had drawn his sword he would have lost his life), when Judas Iscariot betrayed his Lord (after which he said, "I have sinned, I have betrayed innocent blood, Matt. 27:4). The children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness because of their sins. They did not repent. Many are walking in the wilderness because they are like the children of Israel, they won't give their hearts to God by repentance. We shall go back to Isaiah 1:18 where He said He would make your many sins as white as snow. The whole Bible is repentance from cover to cover, warning man against the coming judgments of God and everlasting hell. There is one way to escape and that is to repent and be baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost.

When David said, in Psa. 51:1, "Have mercy upon me, O God," he knew he had sinned in the sight of

God. "Create within me a clean heart." How can we have clean hearts if we do not repent? And without clean hearts we cannot see the kingdom of heaven. Your sins must be white as snow. If not, you will spend eternity in hell, for my Bible says so. Oh, hear the voice of Jesus saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," Matt. 11:28. We must repent to receive this rest and that blessed home in the sky.

I only wish tonight I could come into the Church of God and preach the words of Jesus Christ, for there is so much to do here on this earth while we are here. My time and paper will not let me tell you all about the sinful way that you are living in this world. Remember the text, "Repent . . . for the remission of sins."

I praise the Lord for being so good to me and for the wonderful blessings I get from Him. I preached one night at Sinking Spring, Tex., in the Church of God. There were twelve saved, three sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. It was a revival in one night. I am a soldier in the Army and am serving the Lord.—Pfc. Walter Arthur, Co. A, 744 Tank Bn. L., U. S. Army, Camp Hood, Tex.

## THE HISTORY OF A CIGARETTE

(FOR GIRLS)

I'm just a friendly cigarette, don't be afraid of me!

Why, all the advertisers say I'm harmless as can be!

They tell you that I'm your "best friend," (I like that cunning lie!) And say you'll "walk a mile for me" because "I satisfy."

So come on, girlie, be a sport! Why longer hesitate?

With me between your pretty lips you'll be quite up-to-date.

You may not like me right at first, but very soon I'll bet,

You'll find you just can't get along without a cigarette!

You've smoked one package, so I know I've nothing now to fear;

When once I get a grip on girls, they're mine for life, my dear.

Your freedom you began to lose the very day we met,

When I convinced you it was smart to smoke a cigarette!

The color's fading from your cheeks! Your finger-tips are stained;

And now you'd like to give me up, But, Sister, you are chained!

You even took a drink last night! I thought you would ere long,

For those whom I enslave soon lose their sense of right and wrong.

Year after year I've fettered you and led you blindly on,

Till now you're just a bunch of nerves with looks and health both gone.

You're pale and thin, and have a cough—the doctor says "T.B."

He says you can't expect to live much longer, thanks to me!

But it's too late to worry now; when you became my slave

You should have known the chances were you'd fill an early grave;

And now that I have done my part to send your soul to hell,

I'll leave you with my partner, Death—he'll come for you, farewell!

—By Elizabeth Hassel in The Brethren Missionary Herald.



# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

*We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.*

## PRAY FOR

The healing of my body.—B. R. Huguen, 189 Woodward Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

My brother and his wife to be saved and healed of asthma.—Mrs. Mae Stephens, Valdese, N. C.

The healing of my stomach and nerves.—Mrs. Arada Reed, Box 92, Oak Vale, W. Va.

The healing of my body; my mother and father who are old; my husband and two children.—Mrs. Gladys Robinson, Rt. 1, Box 142, Sylacauga, Ala.

The complete healing of my body of different troubles.—Mrs. Albert Haggard, Rt. 1, Alma, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of a bad stomach trouble and goitre. I am very much in need of prayer. I do not take any kind of medicine though I have suffered so much my faith seems weak, but I know the prayers of the righteous avail much.—Mrs. Fred Williams, Box 365, Erwin, N. C.

The healing of my body, I am in a very serious condition but I know God can heal.—Mrs. Grace Haddox, Wapato, Wash.

My husband who is suffering with ulcerated stomach to be healed, this is a serious case.—Mrs. James Jourden, 137 N. W. 14th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

The healing of my body; God to heal our wounded hearts; my husband, son and daughter-in-law.—Mrs. Ada Green, Rt. 1, Indianola, Miss.

My neighbor to be saved and healed of poisoned kidneys; my brother to be saved and healed of ulcerated stomach.—Sister Flossie Altizer, Slagle, W. Va.

One of my children to be healed of bad tonsils, also that she and another one will be healed of whooping cough and other troubles.—Sister Susie Hickerson, Box 118, Shelbyville, Tenn.

The healing of my baby.—Sister Maggie Helton, Shelbyville, Tenn.

A minister to be healed of asthma; my brother who fell while in training and injured his leg, to be healed, he has been in the hospital for some time.—Mrs. Wm. Keith, Box 224, Suisun, Calif.

The healing of my body; my father to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Willis, Textile Ave., Lavonia, Ga.

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. W. M. Power, Weir, Miss.

The complete healing of my baby of cold and other ailments; my sister-in-law who is very sick to be healed.—Mrs. James H. Barrett, Young Harris, Ga.

The Lord to restore my health, it has been bad nearly twenty years and I am not able to do anything much for my family.—Angeline Sutton, Rt. 1, Double Springs, Ala.

Rev. C. E. Dabbs, who is in the Watts Hospital at Durham, N. C.—J. A. Dabbs, 403 Anderson St., Durham, N. C.

The healing of my body; very special unspoken request.—Mrs. Ernest Schulze, 1813 Waco St., Brownwood, Tex.

Sister Josephine Peterson, is in the hospital with typhus fever; me; four unspoken requests.—A sister in Christ, 3225 Virginia St., Coconut Grove, Fla.

The healing of my body; my husband.—Alice Courts, Hamlin, W. Va.

## OBITUARIES

### CRIDER

Our precious baby, Jimmie Ray, went to be with Jesus May 4, 1943. I have been a member of the Church of God six years. Pray that my husband will be saved and we will have a Christian home.—Mrs. Myrtle Crider, Gen. Del., Vero Beach, Fla.

### FRADY

Our little darling Gentry Frady was born March 20, 1943, and departed this life April 25, 1943, from a spell of sickness of twenty-four hours.—Mr. and Mrs. Garl Frady, Alarka, N. C.

### HODGES

Sister Mable Hodges, one of our most precious and faithful members of the Church of God at Highland Park, Louisville, Ky., departed this life to be with Jesus May 8, 1943; age forty-four years and seven months. Just another one gone ahead to greet the faithful on that home-coming day.—R. H. Bell, 125 E. 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky.

### GRAVES

Little Norma Fay Graves went to be with Jesus April 28, 1943; age two years. God bless and comfort her loved ones.—Their pastor, Mrs. Frances Hauck, Phoenix, Ariz.

## NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

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### Church of God in Jefferson, Iowa, Has a Revival

After twelve weeks of cottage prayer meetings during the winter when the thermometer registered 20 below zero, when prayers were offered continually for a revival, the church at Jefferson has been greatly revived in a meeting conducted by N. D. Nicholls, in which thirteen were saved and five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. A wonderful spirit is reported existing among the young people and the church, of which M. W. DeWitt is pastor.

Personally, I sincerely appreciate the news of the good revival in Jefferson. Incidentally, I was privileged to be present when this church was set in order in Iowa. This was back in the day in the beginning of the Church of God in Iowa, and if I remember correctly, was the first church organized in that state. But now Iowa has numbers of churches and hundreds of members throughout the state, for which we are so thankful.

May God continue to bless and help in the efforts being put forth there. All successful revivals are the result of earnest and sincere prayers, regardless of the condition of the weather, hot or cold. One should remember that revival efforts are preceded by intercessory prayer.

### Have Victory in the Army

I am a member of the Church of God and can truly say God is all to me He has promised to be. I can never tell what Christ has really meant to me since I have been in the Army. I am not only a soldier of the U.S.A. but a soldier of the cross. Let me tell a few things I have been told since I have been in the Army.

When I first came into the Army and took my stand for the Lord some said I couldn't live a Christian life here, that they had seen many try it and fail. They said that for me to study my Bible so much in my spare time would run me crazy and that religion was all right for a civilian but a soldier had a job to do, and many other things, none of whom could give me scripture for them, so I ignored it all and traveled on. They told me of many things I would have to suffer if I continued with my religion and sure enough, one day it seemed that I met the devil square in the face. I think they did everything I was told that they would do except one, and that was to take my life. They threatened it but I still have salvation and can truly say it is a happier life than it was to begin with. I have found that I can live a Christian life in the Army. I still have my right mind and do not have to do the job they told me at first I had to do. God is able to keep all we commit unto Him.

I would like to have your prayers that I may be a brave soldier in the fight every Christian is in against sin today.—Pvt. Hiram C. Mullis, Med. Det. 36, A.I.R., A.P.O. 253, Military Reservation, Indiantown Gap, Pa.

# CONVENTIONS

## Elkins, W. Va., District Convention

The Elkins district convention convened at Bayard Church of God, April 30-May 2, Brother Ernest Miller, district overseer, in charge. Services opened Friday evening with a well-filled house. The welcome address was given by Rev. Daniel Newman, pastor of United Brethren Church, and response by Brother B. L. Hicks, state overseer, after which Rev. C. E. French, our Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent, brought a wonderful message. Services all day Saturday were good. The Lord blessed each speaker and each attentive listener. Brother J. M. Foshee, of West-ernport, Md., brought us a good message Saturday afternoon. Saturday night the Y.P.E. put on a short program, after which Sister Frey and Brother B. L. Hicks preached two soul-stirring messages, followed by an altar call.

Good music and singing was rendered throughout the convention by Church of God quartet, Brother and Sister Cullers, Brother Adams and Eloise Best, Washington, D. C., Brother and Sister French, Sister Frey and others. All other ministers helping to make this convention a blessing to the Lord were: Brothers Ray Morgan, Edgar Frey, Ray Rodeheaver, J. E. Moore, J. L. Rexrode, Chas. Bishop, Floyd Hicks, Sister Thurston and Gilmore Dewitt.

On Sunday morning Brother French preached a wonderful message on missions, after which an offering was received, amounting to \$214, for which we praise the Lord. Not only do we praise Him for the good spirit, financially, during this convention, we praise Him for the spirit of love and unity which prevailed.

I praise God for our wonderful pastor who worked so hard and fasted and prayed for the success of this convention, and all who attended could know that God still answers prayer. Closing time came and amid handshakes and good-byes all God's people could feel the tie that binds His people together in love and unity.—Mrs. Charles Best, Bayard, W. Va.

## Oak Grove District Convention

The Oak Grove district convention began May 8 and continued through the 9th at the Oak Grove church. We had ten visiting ministers who proved to be a blessing. Every speaker was at his best. Brother Sam Webb preached a wonderful sermon on Saturday night and our beloved state overseer preached a wonderful sermon Sunday morning. The spirit of mission-giving certainly was here. The mission offering was \$10.62, which was an increase over last year. Oak Grove district has two churches and one mission. Sister Maud Vanyard brought a special offering from her mission. Rev. Leonard Jones, pastor of Wheeler church, also had a special offering from Wheeler. Rev. D. G. Bozeman, district pastor, also pastor, represented the Oak Grove church with a special offering. The churches are right on

the firing line and working hard to achieve the highest goal.—Leonard Jones, Wheeler, Miss.

## Ranger, Tex., District Convention

The Ranger, Tex., district convention convened at the Ranger church April 16-18. From the very first a spirit of welcome, love and unity predominated in the hearts of those present. There were good representations from Strawn, Stephenville and Ranger. A goodly number of friends and visitors enjoyed the convention.

The preaching was some of the finest ever heard and the Lord seemed to bless each speaker in a special way. Rev. T. W. Godwin spoke inspiringly on missions, after which an offering of \$100 was given for missions. God also blessed us with an offering of \$50 for the orphans.

The convention closed with expressions of appreciation and pleasant memories of a most glorious convocation of the people of God.—Mrs. Ernest King, convention clerk.

## E. Rainelle, Mullens, Beckley Districts Convention

The E. Rainelle, Mullens and Beckley, W. Va., districts convention convened at Beckley, April 23-25. Rev. B. L. Hicks was in charge. We had many good songs by the Ward quartet and others. The messages were wonderful. Such fellowship will only be felt by those who really love the Lord.

An offering was received Friday night for radio broadcast, which is heard every Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 EST. Our mission offering was over \$119. Rev. C. E. French preached on "World Evangelism." Those on the district who were not there certainly missed a wonderful blessing from the Lord.

The convention closed with people feeling it was good for us to have been there.—Nettie Hall, reporting clerk, Box 31, Allen Junction, W. Va.

## Graham, Tex., Convention

We had one of the most successful church conventions we have ever had on the Graham district. Rev. Otha Anderson, district pastor. God's Spirit was in everything we did. An offering of \$100.26 was taken for the orphans. Rev. T. W. Godwin, state overseer, received \$20. The mission offering was \$100.65.

During the convention Rev. T. W. Godwin preached the dedicatory sermon when the church was dedicated to God. It was one of the most inspiring sermons we have ever heard. Before this sermon we had the reminiscence of our former pastors: L. A. Baker, T. M. White, W. L. Shires. God was with us.—Ophelia Armstrong, convention clerk, Box 443, Graham, Tex.

## Lubbock, Tex., S. S. and Y.P.E. Convention

We praise God for the way He blessed in our district Sunday School

and Y.P.E. convention which convened at Lubbock, Tex., March 12-14. Brother G. E. Weatherby, state superintendent, and Brother C. R. Thomson, district pastor, were in charge. Truly the Lord was with us in every service. An offering of \$110.15 cash and \$51.15 in merchandise was given for the orphanage. The mission offering was \$67.26.

So many good things were said by the different speakers that we are still encouraged to press on and work harder for every department of the church. Besides the ministers and workers on the district, those bringing messages were: Brother N. L. Sulter, Carlsbad, N. Mex.; Sister Mitchell, Odessa; Capt. Halsell, Chaplain of Lubbock Army Flying School; Brother J. O. Throckmorton, pastor of Faith Mission, and Brother Weatherby. We were glad to have the visitors from off the district, also those from the local churches.

The Lord continued blessing in the Sunday night service. The power of God fell and we had no preaching and several came to the altar. One was saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Please pray for us.—Mamie Fields, 302 Avenue H, Lubbock, Tex.

## Sulphur Springs, Tex., District Convention

The Church of God district convention convened at the Sulphur Springs church March 19-21, inclusive, with our state overseer, Rev. T. W. Godwin, and our district overseer, Rev. Jack Gilbert, in charge.

The service began with good attendance and the Lord blessing from the very beginning and continuing throughout the convention. Every speaker seemed to be at his best. Brother Godwin delivered a wonderful message on Sunday morning. The Lord wonderfully blessed in our offerings, our orphanage offering being \$32.13 compared to \$16 last year and our mission offering \$118.12 compared to \$56.35 last year, both more than doubled, for which we truly praise the Lord. But the greatest thing was the good fellowship and that spirit of love and unity that was manifested and the presence and power of God which was present in every service. We were blessed by having a number of visiting ministers and singers with us. These included Brother Clyde Fitzgerald, Ladonia; Brother Carnes and the Lannius quartet, of Lannius; Brother Allie Woodard, of Cottonwood; Brother Myers, of McQuerry; Brother L. A. Baker, Paris; Sister McDonald and Sister Key, evangelists, and Brother Albert D. Hall, of the United States Army. We certainly thank the Lord for having had these in our convention.

The convention closed with a nice basket lunch.—Mrs. Susie Crabtree, convention clerk, Sulphur Springs, Tex.

## Catlettsburg, Ky., District Convention

The Catlettsburg district convention convened May 7-9. It was the greatest convention ever held on this district. The Lord blessed throughout the convention. Those who preached were: E. R. Waller, of Winchester,



Ralph Scagge, James Duff, the writer, and Rev. W. J. Milligan, state overseer.

After Brother Milligan's message on missions the people gave an offering of \$202.09. They also presented me with a new suit of clothes and my wife with a nice dress. These people here just won't quit giving. I am a happy district pastor. Pray much for us.—Roy Dagnan, Catlettsburg, Ky.

## REVIVALS

**SAVANNAH BRANCH, La.**—The Burian and Adams evangelistic party just closed a revival at our church, Savannah Branch church, Louisiana. Twenty-two were saved, fourteen sanctified, eleven baptized with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church, and sixteen baptized in water. God was with us in a wonderful way. This

was the best revival that has been here in years. This party has been a great blessing to our church and community. With their preaching and musical talents they have stirred the country.—Wm. Russell Fowler, pastor.

**SOUTH CLEVELAND, Tenn.**—March 7 marked the beginning of a wonderful revival at the South Cleveland, Tenn., Church of God, in which many souls were blessed. God wonderfully met with us in every service. Brother Luther Turner was in charge. He is a blessed servant of God. He being so young, and yet so given up to God, makes his ministry such a blessing. We were blessed to have the father and mother of our evangelist, Brother and Sister L. L. Turner, with us several nights during the meeting, which we appreciated greatly. The dear saints labored so

faithfully during the meeting. They were faithful in attending the services, as well as working. God crowned the efforts of our dear evangelist and saints together, by saving twenty-five and sanctifying and baptizing fourteen with the blessed Holy Ghost, for which we praise the worthy name of the Lord. Thank the dear Lord for the saints of God at South Cleveland. They are precious people and we appreciate them so much.—Mrs. R. Huff

**WESTERNPORT, Md.**—A three weeks' revival closed here in March. Brother J. R. Brewer did the preaching. Seven were saved, one filled with the Holy Ghost and the saints greatly revived. We appreciate Brother and Sister Brewer's labors, also Brother and Sister James Foshee, our pastor and wife.—Mrs. Freddie VanMeter, clerk, Luke, Md.



## SHEPHERD FOLD, LA., DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Shepherd Fold district convention convened at Covington, April 17, 18. Rev. Wm. R. Fowler, pastor, made the welcome address Saturday night. Revs. Adams, McManus and Fitzgerald made the response. Rev. A. D. Burian brought the evangelistic message and the altar was filled with seekers. The revival fires are still burning there since the revival closed some weeks back.

Sunday morning the service began with songs and prayer. Rev. Glass spoke on Sunday Schools, followed by a message by Rev. Fowler. Our state overseer, Rev. W. C. Byrd, brought a message and a mission offering was taken, which amounted to \$400, the largest district mis-

sion offering ever taken in Louisiana. In the afternoon reports of the six churches were made. Brother Blow then spoke on the Evangel and twenty-four subscriptions were secured. A number of coupons were turned in for the orphanage and the offering for the orphanage was \$80.

At noon Sunday this picture was taken in front of the church. This church has been erected only about a year and a half. Brother Fowler and his people paid the entire debt off in February. God has blessed in a wonderful way all over the district this year. There are three of us pastors with six churches, and I want to say that Brother Fowler and Brother Glass have cooperated with me this year.—W. Burle Sumner, district pastor.

## CHRIST FOR AMERICA

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Sin. We are almost in the age of the beast, when the mark of the beast is becoming quite general. We have seen the persecution of believers rise throughout the whole of the earth, in great sections of the world to name the name of Christ has meant loss of liberty, possessions, franchise and often life itself. Society is saying in our day in answer to the question, "What have we to do with Jesus?"—"Nothing." They do not want Jesus. They want their swine, their material things, their power, their sex, their money, their demons. "Jesus, depart from us. Go." And Christ is leaving.

As a result of such a philosophic crisis we have entered a political crisis called World War II and now the statesmen are announcing the possibility of World War III. Have you forgotten what World War I did to economics, when twenty-two million men were left without work? Then men talk about the new age coming. But the new age following this war will be one of famine, of pestilence, unemployment and of crisis that will outstrip that following World War I many times. We are now in the century of war and we shall suffer the consequence thereof. We have seen what is called the emergence of the East, or the coming of the kings of the rising of the sun. Russia has withstood Germany and is emerging as the great power of Europe and of the peace conference that will come after the war, but do not forget that Russia is Asiatic. Japan has emerged partially victor in the Far East. The western nations have been driven out of the Far East. This may not be permanent, but note that the western nations have now begun to equip India, China and the hordes of the East for war. There are concentrated in Asia at least two-thirds of the peoples of the globe and when these peoples are prepared for war, you will see the emergence of the kings of the rising sun and future trouble will come from these. Yes, the physical war is the outgrowth of our clash of ideologies. It is what the Germans call, "Der Krieg Der Weltanschauungen." The crisis is on.

We are witnessing the crisis morally. A wave of licentiousness swept the world in the post-war age and is now having such a rage in America that many people are alarmed. What Russia did under the Bolsheviks in the twenties, what Germany did in the thirties and what Japan practiced with her Geisha girls has now been introduced into American life on a scale never before known. Joined with this is the elevation of Bacchus to a new position of god. Liquor has always been man's enemy, but now it is exalted to a new place of importance. Forty per cent of the American population indulges in alcoholic beverages. It is the purpose of large scale liquor interests to make alcoholics out of the masses of young men going into the armed services of the nation. A rising tide of indignation is expressing itself all over this nation against such practices. Dishonesty in the life of individual people as never before has been brought to the surface by national rationing. Rationing did not

make a nation of liars out of our people. We were liars before we were rationed or we would not have lied under the system.

### THE CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANITY

We have a "now or never" urgency in this matter. The time to strike is here. The iron is hot. The door is open. The need is great.

We have a need of new life from Christ in our nation. That need first of all is intellectual. Unless the Church can produce some thinkers who will lead us in positive channels our spiral of degradation will continue downward. Few, indeed, of the intellectual leaders of this land are taking a positive stand for Christianity today. Similarly, there is a great need in the field of statesmanship. Where are the men in high places of our nation with a knowledge of and regard for the principles of the Word of God? A well-intentioned Vice-President seems to be the notable exception and his utterances on the subject of religion are far from evangelical Christianity. Contrast such a condition with the congressional record of half a century ago when the great statesmen of American life substantiated their convictions by quotations from the Word of God.

### BUSINESS MEN ARE CONSPICUOUS FOR ABSENCE

The need is even more evident in the business world. The business leaders of this nation, who at the same time are leaders of evangelical thought, are fewer and fewer. There was a day when governors, business leaders, statesmen, professional men would go on evangelistic committees for city-wide campaigns for Billy Sunday, Dwight L. Moody and others, but their names today are conspicuous by their absence. Yet if we ask those business men who are the cultural and economic leaders of the nation whether their fathers were Christian most of them would reply in the affirmative. I say we need a new life in these realms of our national existence if our crisis is to be averted.

There must be a new power in personal life. Unless this message of salvation, which we hold to be the cardinal center of our Christian faith, really does save individuals from sin, from sinful habits, from dishonesty, impurity and avarice, unless it keeps them in the midst of temptation, what good is it? Christians today are altogether too much like the pagan and heathen world both in actions and in life. Large movements exist in America in which young people and business men are wearing buttons to show that they are Christians. When a man needs a button in his lapel or upon his vest to let some one know that he is a Christian, there is something wrong with his Christianity. Away with the signs announcing that we are believers. Let the glory of God radiate from a Christian countenance and let consistency of Christian action show in deeds and men will not have to ask whether we are Christians or not. They will know it. They do not wear any buttons in Africa, but everybody knows a man who is a Christian. The gulf between what we say and what we do is too great. It must be closed and that gulf can only be spanned by new power in personal

life.

I think Franz Spemann in his book, "Carl Heim and the Theology of His Time," hits the matter squarely when he says, "What the evangelic church needs most at the present time and in the future before us is saints, great Christians—convinced and filled with the glory of the future world. Not tremendous achievements, or super-theological knowledge is needed, but a burning love for Jesus. We need men with eternity in view—Christ-loving men and women."

Only out of such a company of power men—light men—can a new vision grow for the future of America. Our salvation after the war is not a new economic social order nor a political new deal, but it must grow out of Bible Christianity, with Christ the leader and eternity in view.

Therefore, there must be a resurgence of Christian life or darkness will claim our age. The hour has struck when there is no alternative. We stand at the crossroads, at the crisis place, at the point of decision. We cannot escape it. Preaching, worship and ethics are only a part of this manifestation of Christ's life. No plan, no theory, no hope may be held for men save in this Divine source; namely, Christ Jesus. It is and must be Christ for this crisis. He alone can bring hope, but who will bring Him to the nation? Here is the cry for evangelical leadership. This is the need of the hour. Christ for the nation by those who know Christ and who have the eternal view.

### THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP EMERGING

Is such a leadership coming upon the scene? Our fondest hope and dearest dreams for such a leadership apparently are being realized in the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action, commonly known as United Evangelical Action. The streams of origin of this movement in a hundred different sources are incapable of being traced in an hour like this, but as the streams of a great river may be found in little springs coming forth under rocks, little brooks flowing down mountain sides, little creeks ending in rivulets and rivulets in rivers, and rivers in the mighty streams, until they reach the Father of Waters, so we believe that innumerable sources were contributory to this movement. Ministers meeting in fellowship, mission boards facing problems, individuals feeling isolation, widespread conviction mounting that Christ desires us to be unified that the world may believe, all contributed to the first meeting of the temporary committee.

Out of that meeting with some of the strongest leaders in this nation such as Drs. Edman, Paine, Houghton, Ironside, Fuller, Ayer, Wright and others came the great call for the St. Louis convention signed by one hundred and forty-three leaders of this nation. Then thirteen months ago, in April 4-7, 1942, one hundred and seventy men gathered at the Coronado Hotel in St. Louis to plumb the possibilities of such United Evangelical Action. From the intellectual and devotional heat of those three days of conference, prayer and discussion and planning came the temporary or-



ganization of the National Association. Nine men were given the responsibility of its leadership. Twenty-five were assigned places of guidance as an Advisory Committee and a program of holding regional conferences was assigned to the Executive Committee in order to inform this nation of the movement which was afoot.

At the present status we have held over forty regional conventions. We have thirty-four Regional Associations formed with their continuing committees and officers and their delegates present at this convention. We have a score of denominations which have sent their officially elected delegates to represent them at this convention. We have many educational institutions, mission boards and individual churches fully represented here. We have completed our work. We believe that the great response has demonstrated that there is an opportunity before evangelical Christianity in this nation never before known. We turn that opportunity over to you. What you do with this movement will enter into history. God grant that you may have wisdom to use it well.

The present potential of this United Evangelical Action is unpredictable in its greatness. It is an instrument now in our hands for the bringing to pass of a new era in Christian achievement and a means to meet the need of this crisis hour in our nation and the world. Great men in intellect, spirit and influence are connected with this movement. There is no reason why it should not become the spearhead for the invasion of the Christian consciousness of this nation as to our responsibility and our revivalistic opportunity. Nothing in the nature of attack can hinder this movement, if God is in it. Other organizations which have been living in the eddies of the central stream of Christianity or have been organized in the backwash of this particular movement can have nothing to do with its future. As I read of their attacks, I think of the old Spanish proverb so appropriate at this time, "The dogs bark, but the caravan moves on."

#### ARE ABOUT TO CRYSTALLIZE COURSE OF ACTION

You are about to go now into your work-study groups. You are about to forge out on the anvil of discussion the policies of this movement. You are about to crystallize its constitution and its future course of action. You have here the privilege of forming a policy on evangelism which would be able to create congresses over this nation comparable to the Eucharistic Congresses of Romanism and containing the dynamic of the great spirit of the evangelical revival.

You can plan here for a crusade for chaplains under a true Biblical emphasis which will provide the needed spiritual leadership for our armed forces. You may provide the means of challenge for the church of this day to prepare an army of young men and women for new missionary effort to be launched on a larger scale than ever before as the door is opened to a broken, wounded and bleeding world following this war. You must not forget that the supreme task of the

church is to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to the heathen. This is the lost vision, but it must be reclaimed and you are the ones to reclaim it.

#### MUST PLAN A PROGRAM OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

You must give unto us a plan and program of Christian schools and Christian education which will provide the needed leadership in other realms of social life in the generations to come. You must absolutely insist upon the continued separation of the Church and the State. By reviewing the real violations of this in days which are just past, forge a statement of guidance which can direct the activities of this movement so as to guard our precious heritage. You may now so unify evangelical Christianity in large numbers so that the broadcasting companies of this nation will grant to our evangelical gospel message weekly broadcasts on all the major chains reaching the masses of the people of this nation for Christ.

Finally, my brethren, you are the men chosen of God to restore the foundations and rebuild the breaches of individual religious life caused by the resurgence of heathendom. Only thereby can the foundations of democracy be made safe. Our first line of defense is not in Tunisia nor Guadalcanal nor Burma nor the Aleutians. Our first line of defense consists of righteousness in the individual soul.

#### FOUR GOALS WE MUST ATTAIN

God give you wisdom. God give you a new anointing. God give you consecration, a sense of soberness and a determination to see this task through. We summon you to a breadth of vision, to a tolerance of spirit, to a love of your brethren and, above all, to a determination to bring all evangelical interdenominational organizations into this great movement. God has providentially prepared organizations in the realm of Christian education such as the E.T.T.A., in the realm of evangelism such as the Christ for America Crusade, in the student world such as the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, among organizations of business men such as The Laymen's Crusade and The Gideons, in the pioneer mission fields such as The Conference of Faith Missions, all of which should be closely identified with the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action. Let this be a movement of God and as a movement let it unite our evangelical forces. Let not the children of this world such as The Federal Council of Churches and its affiliates be wiser than the children of light.

#### SACRIFICE IS NEEDED

For Christ some of us must be ready to sacrifice our positions, our substance and our life, in order that we may preserve America spiritually, as the youth of this nation are willing to sacrifice their positions, substance and life to preserve the nation physically intact. I believe that leadership is coming. I believe it is vested in United Evangelical Action. I believe that this movement is the only hopeful sign on the horizon of Christian history today. If we, who are gathered here, meet our responsibility this week

it may well be that the oblique rays of the sun are not the rusty red of its setting but are the golden rays of its rising for a new era. God bless you, my brethren.

#### OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

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sponsibility that I must mention and that is the great cause of missions. Both foreign and home missions are our responsibility. The Church of God is going in leaps and bounds toward this great cause. Many precious people today are anxiously waiting to hear the gospel and will accept it when they do hear it. Jesus was the first great missionary. He laid aside His priestly robe, left His home in Glory, took upon Himself the form of man, came to this sinful world, preached the gospel to men and women, and left a commandment to His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. They went and preached everywhere, the Bible tells us, and you and I have received the gospel and now it is our responsibility to take it on to someone else. If you cannot go out and preach, there is someone ready now to go if only the finance can be supplied. Well, friends, we will supply the finance and someone will go, and some glad after while when the trials of this life are over and we reach the glory land, we will then meet many precious people who have received the gospel and have been saved. Then we will shout the high praises of God together.

God is depending on us, Jesus Christ left this world depending on us. This lost world is depending on us. Last but not least, the Church of God is depending on us. What are we going to do for our dependents? Will we do our best for each of them? If we are faithful and do our best and each of us fills our obligation to God and His Church, we have a promise from Jesus, in Rev. 2:10, "Be thou faithful until death, and I will give you a crown of life." Amen.

#### CHICAGO CONVENTION OF EVANGELICALS

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group of twenty-five administrators, J. H. Walker, our General Overseer, was chosen as representative of our constituency.

It is to be hoped and it is also strongly believed that the National Association of Evangelicals will bring great blessing in the field of evangelism as well as being able to assist members of the Association in various circumstances arising out of conditions beyond their control.

#### Revival at Ages, Ky.

AGES, Ky.—The Leatherberry sisters did the preaching for our revival which just closed. Three were saved, one filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. The Lord wonderfully blessed in each service and all the saints were revived.—Richard Lunsford, clerk.

The person who will not take advice rarely has any worth giving.

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